

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-16, 18-35, 37-52, 54, 56-61, 64-69, 71, 81-83 are allowed.

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record specifically Fritz (U.S. patent 6,718,871) fails to suggest or disclose the collective features of the invention such as: "an embossed printing instruction unit that instructs embossed print setting including an object to be embossed-printed; an extraction unit that analyzes the document information to be printed and extracts the object instructed by the embossed printing instruction unit; an embossed print drawing command generation unit that generates, in accordance with the extracted object, an embossed print drawing command needed for embossed printing of the object; a print job generation unit that generates the print job by adding the embossed print drawing command to a non-embossed print drawing command needed for non-embossed printing of the document information to be printed" these features along with the rest of the claim's limitations would render the claims allowable.

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